

Unsettled weather tonight and Monday.

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TAFT WILL FIGHT SUFFRAGE RIGHT IN THE DISTRICT

Unalterably Opposed to Self-Government for Washingtonians.

CHANGES PROMISED AMONG OFFICIALS

Is Deeply Interested in Sanitary Improvements—Undecided on One-Man Rule.

By JAMES HAY, Jr.
AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 3.—Citizens of the District of Columbia will not exercise the right of suffrage while William Howard Taft is President.

Whether the present form of government in the District is to be preferred to the proposed plan of "one-man rule" is a question on which the President-elect has as yet reached no decision. But he is determined to oppose any proposition to grant suffrage to the people of the National Capital.

Mr. Taft is deeply attached to the city of Washington, and he has already given its affairs and its future careful thought. He regards it as the property and the pride of the entire country, and he is determined to obtain for it from Congress and from its municipal government such treatment as will give it a fast impetus toward greater prestige over all other cities of the civilized world.

Will Be Changes.
In line with his deep concern regarding the city, it is not too much to say at this time that in the early part of his administration there will be many changes in the personnel of the officials of the District government.

The truth of the matter is that Mr. Taft wants Washington to be the model for all other cities in its Government, in its beauty, in its hygiene and in its care of its people. He does not think that at this time it is a model, and he is strong in his decision to improve the conduct of its government.

He realizes that the municipal government is somewhat hampered by the fact that it depends on the appropriations made by Congress and on the presentation of its affairs to the District Committee in the House and Senate. But he believes that even with this difficulty to contend with, better things can be done for Washington than have been done in the past.

For Poorer Classes.
One thing on which he is particularly emphatic is his desire to improve housing conditions and the general sanitary situation among the poorer classes. He has been informed that there are sections or locations in Washington which have to be found in other large cities. If additional legislation is needed to do away with these conditions, he will recommend such legislation in his message to Congress.

The President-elect strongly favors the uniting into one bureau all the various agencies scattered through several departments of the Government for the preservation of the public health. And it is more than probable that when his work of consummating this union is done, the District of Columbia will benefit from it.

This does not mean the abolition of the Health Department of the District government, but it does mean the subordination of it to the Federal bureau or at least a closer and compulsory co-operation between it and the Federal bureau.

Hustle and Enterprise.
As regards all the departments of the municipal government, Mr. Taft desires that they be characterized by hustle and enterprise and progressiveness. If he has his way he will inaugurate a regime where good red blood and the get-up-and-go qualities will keep the city of Washington always on the neck step toward that condition which will make it a model.

His conviction that the present situation is unsatisfactory is in the nature of a prophecy that there will be changes in the personnel of the officials. His (Continued on Eleventh Page.)

WEATHER REPORT.

Local rains have occurred in the Gulf States, and in the Ohio Valley and lower lake region and they may continue. Threatening weather is probable in the Atlantic Coast section, but little rain, however, will fall. Temperatures will continue mild in Eastern sections for the next two or three days.

FORECAST FOR DISTRICT.
Threatening and unsettled tonight and Monday. Continued mild temperature. Fresh south winds.

TEMPERATURE.	
8:00 a. m.	35
9:00 a. m.	39
10:00 a. m.	39
11:00 a. m.	40
12:00 Noon.	44
1 p. m.	46
2 p. m.	47